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SUBJ: THAI AMBASSADOR'S RECALL TO BANGKOK

1. AT FAREWELL PARTY EVENING OF JUNE 17 THAI AMBASSADOR BUNRIT THANTRANON TOLD DCM HE WAS BEING RECALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE BY THE THAI MINISTER OF DEFENSE QTE WHO IS AN IN-LAW. UNQTE HE SAID THREE OTHER THAI SOLDIER-DIPLOMATS ARE ALSO BEING RECALLED--ONE FROM CANADA, ONE FROM SWEDEN, AND ANOTHER FROM AN UNNAMED COUNTRY. HE MUSED THAT HE REALLY DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THAILAND THESE DAYS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT INTERNAL CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE ASKED FOR THE DCM'S VIEWS. THE LATTER TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD ONLY THE MOST GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION AND DID NOT BELIEVE HE HAD ANY INSIGHTS WHICH WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO HIM. BUNRIT THANTRANON EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE SOMETIME AFTER HIS RETURN. OBVIOUSLY, BANGKOK WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN WE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE WISE. WE WOULD ONLY NOTE THAT BUNRIT THANTRANON HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY FRIENDLY IN OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM AND SEEMS TO BE WELL AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE US.

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